

September 20, 2012

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 p.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Fuelling and Curtis attending. Others attending were Chief Dixon; Don Rye; Denny Shaffer; Jim Williams, Matt Walls, and Mike Burris – Bernardin Lochmueller & Associates; Keisha Allyn – Curves; Sara Manifold – Mount Vernon Democrat; and arriving during the meeting, Chief Beloat and Supt. Givens.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Fuelling moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Curtis moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Chief Beloat arrived at the meeting.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Department Heads.

Chief Beloat stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Chief Dixon stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Foreman Rye stated he has no report from the Street Department.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Givens arrived at the meeting.

Mayor Tucker stated they are now ready for the Legal portion of the Agenda, with the first item being the bids received for the Sewer Forced Main Relocation, in reference to the bridge on old Hwy 62.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman opened the bids in the order in which they were received, as follows:

Kieffer Bros.	\$20,975.00
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D-Lite Excavation, Inc. \$21,702.62

Board member Fuelling moved the Board acknowledge receipt of the bids and that they be taken under advisement for review by Supt. Givens, BLA, and Attorney Higgins; and should everything be in order, Supt. Givens is to take the lowest responsive bidder, Kieffer Bros., and proceed.

Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated the next item is Re-submission of a heavy haul permit that was submitted last meeting by Sterett Crane. He stated he recalls that the Board had asked for additional information and they have that before them.

Board member Curtis that being said, and with the clarification on exactly what they would be hauling, he moved the permit be approved. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated the next item is Assignment of Option to Purchase in reference to the property located at 311 College Ave. He continued by stating the Black Township Trustee contacted him last Friday and asked that he meet with her at 5/3 Bank to close on the Dausmann property, as the deadline is fast approaching. He added he then contacted Board member Curtis for his opinion, and at that time did sign the option to purchase. He asked that the Board go on record to ratify his action.

The Board agreed that they were in favor of Mayor Tucker signing the option to purchase.

Board member Fuelling asked what is the next step ?

Mayor Tucker replied the Black Township Trustee will take up negotiations with the owners.

Mayor Tucker stated the final item has to do with Fairview Park. He stated when former Park Supt. Tate was still here, he had indicated there were several reasons why he did not want to hold on to the property. He had stated they were not using it and in order to save money on maintenance he had asked that they city take the property over. He added that in the meantime, the newly hired Park Supt. indicated that he would like to keep the property and actually has some ideas of ways to utilize it. He added the Park Department will now continue using and maintaining the park and the City will any movement toward the sale of Fairview Park.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

Mr. Shaffer stated he is present on behalf of Mission at the Cross and they would like permission to collect donations at the intersection of 4th and Main on October 6, from 7 am to 5 pm. He added they have vests and if Board prefers, they will have only adults collecting. He then stated they also have insurance.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman asked that Mr. Shaffer get that to her office.

Mayor Tucker stated this has been done in the past and yes, they would definitely prefer adults only.

Mr. Shaffer added they use the money collected to pay the rent on their space at Hedges School.

Board member Fuelling stated it sounds good and then moved permission be given. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Keisha Allyn stood and stated she is with the local Curves Gym for woman and they want to have a fire truck pulling event on September 27 at 5 pm and for however long it takes to pull the fire truck one block. She would ask that 2nd Street be blocked as they would pull from 2nd and Main to their location at 3rd and Main.

Board member Fuelling restated 2nd to 3rd.

Ms. Allyn replied from the old Dausmann building to their building – or wherever would be most efficient.

Chief Dixon stated he has talked with Ms. Allyn and he is fine with it. But using a city vehicle, on the city streets, and involving city employees, he felt she should come before the Board. He suggested go south on College from 4th to Curves.

Board member Curtis asked what if someone gets hurt ?

Chief Dixon stated he will have someone in the fire truck with foot hovering on the brake.

Ms. Allyn stated there will be at least 15 ladies pulling, could be more.

Board member Curtis stated to him there is a difference between a fundraiser and a business just wanting to use the fire truck. There is a difference there.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman stated she can email ONB Insurance in the morning and get their take on the city's liability.

Board member Curtis stated he will talk with Attorney Higgins later tonight as well.

Mayor Tucker stated they will get back in touch with Ms. Allyn.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone else in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

Matt Walls, with Bernardin Lochmueller, stated they are the engineers on the West Elementary Storm Water Project. If Board will recall the design they went with, the rain garden, was designed to handle a 10 year storm event. The storm the city had Monday exceeded that. He added the school corporation wanted to hand on to the excess dirt from the project, which should have been removed, per their specs. But since the school corporation wanted it, the contractor basically used it to construct a third berm. That third berm then diverted the water north to the trailer park. He added they are talking to the contractor, Blankenberger, about a possible extension out of the second berm. He stated the outcome was obviously not favorable, but they will fix it.

Board member Fuelling asked what type of storm event was this built to handle ?

Mr. Walls replied a 10 year storm event. He added at the time of the engineering, they did not see a constructible storm sewer route, which is why they went with the rain garden.

Board member Fuelling questioned Monday's rain as being "unusual".

Mr. Walls replied yet, it was unusual.

Board member Fuelling asked how much rain they got ?

Mr. Walls replied it rained steadily all day and then in the afternoon they were hit with a one to two inch rain in one hour. For southwest Indiana that is 4 ½ " in 12 hours – very unusual. He then stated their intent was to help with localized flooding on the school yard.

Board member Fuelling stated he mentioned extending the berm on the north side, but he didn't see that. He added water is coming from the bean field.

Mr. Walls then showed the Board drawing of the area.

Board member Fuelling stated there was major water off of that bean field and BLA's design had nothing to do with that.

Mr. Walls stated he would think that that area would have had to have seen flooding there at some other point in the past. He added the problem was compounded, but it was not the sole problem. Board member Curtis stated it sounds like there are two issues going on here, with one contributing to the other.

Supt. Givens suggested it was the rain that contributed to Mr. Russell's basement backup. If there was an actual blockage there, the basement wouldn't have drained.

Board member Fuelling stated from the drawings and previous discussion it appears if they removed the extra dirt, extend the berm and raise the manhole, they may be in business. He asked if there is anything else they can do ?

Mr. Walls replied no.

Don Rye stated he will be putting in two 18" sewers, one across Lee Drive and one at the Vectren substation. He added that should relieve quite a bit of pressure.

Board member Fuelling asked the expense to the city on this ?

Mr. Walls replied BLA feels Blankenberger should fix it at no additional cost and if not, he will contact Debbie Stearsman as he does not feel the city is responsible.

Board member Curtis stated he thinks there is a good chance of getting it all worked out.

Mr. Walls agreed and added it would be one to two days work.

Supt. Givens asked if this will satisfy Mr. Russell ?

Mr. Walls replied he can not explain why Mr. Russell had a back up.

Board member Fuelling stated he feels the amount of water in that short of time did it, no other possibility.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Givens stated he is having gutter issues at the plant and the soffits are coming down as well. He added he has two quotes on getting them replaced – one for \$4134.00 and the other for \$3614.00, which also includes a five year guarantee/warranty. He added he can get more quotes or go with the lowest.

Board member Curtis stated sounds like routine maintenance.

Board member Fuelling replied they have to fix the gutters.

Supt. Givens agreed that they just need fixed.

Board member Curtis agreed and Board concurred to have Supt. Givens get the gutters fixed.

Mayor Tucker stated they are having issues at the Country Terrace Lift Station, and it appears it will require major work.

Supt. Givens added they have an SSO, which should have been taken care of in Phase I, as they are in Phase 2 now. He added he isn't sure if they have illegal downspouts, etc. of what is going on, but again, this should have been eliminated in Phase 1. He stated SSO's are illegal. He then stated Aaron Burke has a plan and a timeline and the sewer department guys can start on it next week. He concluded by stating he is not sure of the water source.

Board member Curtis stated it has to be fixed.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated under New Business they have a request from Paul Gross to forgive his weed mowing bill.

Board was presented the information on the mowing, dates, pictures, the timeline, etc.

Board member Fuelling stated Mrs. Kissinger spends countless hours on this; frustrating hours to be more precise. She works very hard on this and does a good job.

Mayor Tucker agreed and added she comes in on weekends as well, and the Street Department has other things to do besides mowing yards.

Board stated they will decline the request to forgive the bill as all parameters were met according to the ordinance.

Board member Fuelling agreed and moved the petition be denied. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Fuelling moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
Clerk-Treasurer